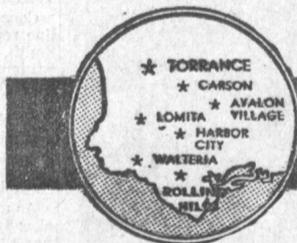


# Latest Returns on City-Wide Election

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LATE RETURNS...

## Final Tally Listed For City Election

Final tabulation on voting in yesterday's municipal election was released early this morning by deputies in the Torrance City Clerk's office.

Breakdown of balloting shows:

FOR MAYOR:

Isen ... 9837; Armijo ... 381; Bell ... 368; Blount ... 3118; Hogue ... 2755.

Write-in ballots included Nickolas Drale, 3, James Cassidy, 4, and Bert Lynn, 1.

FOR CITY COUNCIL:

Beasley ... 5964; Barton ... 4767; Belknap ... 3689; Bisou ... 1494; Cameron ... 525; Cicchini ... 357; Clawson ... 3640; Foster ... 802; Gibson ... 414; Kinane ... 291; Kurtz ... 3616; Lyman ... 3876; McVey ... 2338; Miller ... 5018; Mondati ... 1003; Rose ... 1993; Sciarrotta ... 5061; Steele ...

557; Steinbroner ... 703; Taylor ... 193.

Write-in ballots included Marie Stevenson, 1, Vera Jones, 2, and Jim Loughridge, 2.

FOR CITY CLERK:

Coil ... 2696; Craig ... 835; Deck 1987; Faren ... 805; Fleetwood ... 1840; Manis ... 176; Miller ... 1642; Morehart ... 535; Shidler ... 2215; Sumpter ... 1443; Tillim ... 1450.

FOR CITY TREASURER:

Leech ... 9588; Rupert ... 1082; Spangler ... 3676; Stenberg ... 1039.

Tally included all 93 polling places and the absentee ballot, city officials stated.



**ALBERT ISEN**  
... Re-elected

## Beasley Wins Post; Miller, Sciarrotta In

Torrance voters yesterday, by an overwhelming majority, reelected three incumbents to city posts and then named three new faces to the city roster.

Mayor Albert Isen, who has held the post for nearly seven years, was reelected by an almost three-to-one majority over his nearest opponent.

In the hard-fought council race, incumbent J. A. Beasley was the frontrunner all of the way, with a comfortable margin of 900 votes over his nearest rival.

Ross Sciarrotta, educator and traveller, was named to the council as was Ken Miller, well-known Torrance realtor. Both showed promise early in the tabulations and continued to surge ahead throughout the evening.

Each of the three had gained the endorsement of the Torrance Press.

Vernon Coil, candidate for city clerk, picked up an early lead in the tally and kept it throughout the race. A sales representative for a

fireworks concern, Coil is a former commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, and is active in youth organizations and Little League programs.

Harriett V. Leech, incumbent candidate for the post of city treasurer, tallied the most votes of any candidate on the ballot, winning handily in her bid for reelection.

Each of the four special issues carried on the ballot passed by comfortable margins.

In the first proposition, to approve issuance of \$1,225,000 in revenue bonds for improvements on the Torrance Municipal Airport site, voters gave their approval by an unprecedented 4-to-3 ballot.



**J. A. BEASLEY**  
... Returned to Office



**ROSS SCIARROTTA**  
... Upset Winner



**KEN MILLER**  
... New Councilman

## Butane Tank Explosion

A quarter million dollar fire was touched off yesterday morning in a Torrance research plant, when a butane tank exploded. One entire building of the Houston-Fearless plant, 2430 W. 247th St., was destroyed.

Janitor Wesley A. Bishop, 57, of 16212 Denker Ave., said that he was changing the tank on a heating unit when he realized that the container was leaking and that a nearby pilot light was burning.

Dropping the tank, he said, he ran for the door. The tank exploded as he neared the door and the force of the explosion hurled him out of the building.

Bishop, unhurt, was released and returned home.

**JANITOR IN SHOCK**

Janitor Wesley A. Bishop, who inadvertently touched off the \$250,000 Houston-Fearless fire yesterday morning, was found the same afternoon in a severe case of shock in his home.

Hospitalized, it was found that he had suffered a back injury, cuts and bruises from the explosion. He was discovered by members of his family.

## Former Mayor, Water Dept. Head, Dies Suddenly in Santa Cruz



**WILLIAM H. STANGER**

William H. Stanger, 72, former city councilman, mayor and head of the Torrance Water Dept., died Saturday in his Santa Cruz home.

Stanger, who served as mayor of the city from 1936 to 1937 before resigning to take over the water department, had been ill for some time.

A pioneer resident of Torrance, he formerly worked for National Supply. He was first elected to the city council in 1934.

After his retirement from the water department in 1951, he and his wife, Cleora, moved to the Northern California city.

## Boys Responsible For School Fire To Face Hearings

Two 15-year-old suspects, held in connection with the March 26 fire at Carl Steele School, will face juvenile court hearings next week.

James D. Britton, 20022 Ingram Way, Torrance, and Gregg F. Amick, Inglewood, have admitted starting the fire, which did damage estimated at nearly \$100,000.

Two youngsters were taken into custody by Torrance officers only two days after the fire.

Following earlier hearings in Los Angeles April 2, the boys were placed under the jurisdiction of juvenile officers.

Youngsters said that they entered the school, splashed paint on walls, tore up papers and books, tried to open a coke machine, and started several fires.

They said they had been drinking brandy and beer before deciding to enter the school.

## Mosk Honored

California Attorney General Stanley Mosk will be honored this evening at a special reception at the Plush Horse Restaurant.

Torrance area residents have been invited to attend the meeting.



**VERNON COIL**  
... Decisive Win



**HARRIETT LEECH**  
... Landslide

## Torrance Voters Approve Four Proposals on Ballot

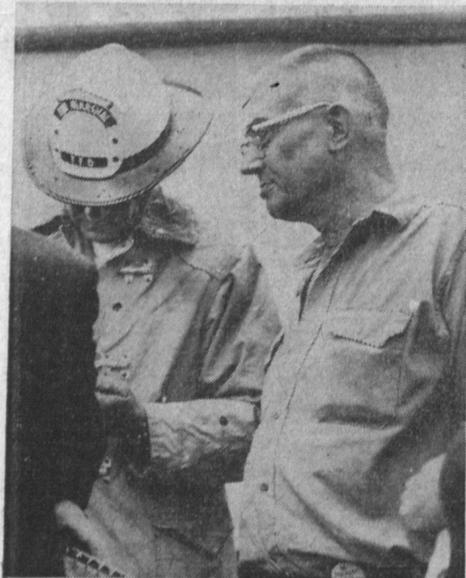
Torrance voters yesterday approved four special issues carried on the ballot.

In the first issue, which asked voter approval for issuance of \$1,225,000 in revenue bonds for improving the municipal airport, the final count was 8327 to 6967 in favor.

In the second issue, which would allow money now in the city's airport fund to be used to pay for the principal and interest on the revenue bonds was also approved, 8976 to 5690.

The third issue, which would allow newly elected members of the school board to assume office immediately after election and end "lame duck" sessions, was approved, 10,659 to 3652.

Final issue, which provided for a continuance of the existing civil service system covering city employees, and which, with consideration of the civil service commission, would allow the council to amend any provisions governing city service, was approved, 9599 to 4824.



**\$250,000 HOLOCAUST** — Torrance firemen battled furiously yesterday morning to extinguish a roaring, butane-fed fire at the Houston-Fearless plant on Crenshaw Blvd. Flames shooting into the air could be seen for miles. New plant was virtually destroyed after butane tank exploded. Above, Captain Frank Tuttle, of the Torrance Fire Department, questions Wesley Bishop, janitor, about circumstances that caused the blaze. (Torrance Press Photos)

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**WAIT FOR RESULTS** — Crowds gathered last night at Torrance city hall as final precinct counts were announced. When major trends became evident shortly after midnight crowds began to thin out. However, some diehards sweated it out with newsmen until the

pre-dawn hours when the final tabulation was announced. Majority of winning candidates were on hand to accept the congratulations and the handshake of their supporters.

(Press Photo)